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Area businesswomen listen attentively to a golf pro during the Auburn Hills Chamber Women's Golf Clinic.

Women Professionals Hone Golf Skills

The Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce's first Women's Golf Clinic was a sold-out networking instructional event.

Held June 20 at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion, the clinic enabled the 45 participating golfers to receive tips from three PGA golf professionals. Instruction was followed by a reception in Indianwood's St. Andrews Room.

"The Women's Golf Clinic was one of the best events I have attended," said Beth Nuccio, system director of Career Services at Baker College. "I not only learned, but it was a wonderful networking opportunity as well. Good organization and just all around well-done."

Women were able to rotate through three stations staffed with PGA golf pros. The atten-

dees were broken into smaller groups, allowing for each individual to get hands-on training at each station. For example, each woman received one-on-one coaching on putting, short and full swings and other skills.

"Golf is more than just a game," said Denise Asker, executive director of the Auburn Hills

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Buick Picks 'Best of Decade' To Help Mark Its 110 Years

Despite 110 years not being as "cool" as 100 years, said Buick's Nick Richards, remaining in business for 11 decades requires constant innovation, and that deserves at least a little celebration.

That's the reason for this year's marking of the brand's 110th anniversary, said Richards, Buick's communications manager.

He noted that Buick celebrated its history of making WWII military vehicles around the anniversary of V-E Day.

Richards said that while 110 years in business doesn't have the major milestone cache of, say, 100 years or 125 years, the brand will be doing some things

to celebrate 110 years in business.

Right now, the brand is celebrating the various Buick models that have made their mark during different 10-year periods of the car's shared automotive history, he said, adding that the trick is choosing one model to represent a decade of significance.

Among the hundreds of models designed and engineered for Buick, the 11 listed, Richards said, stand out as the most significant for their respective decades since May 17, 1903.

• 1903-1912: The first Buick ever is quite significant, so

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1963 Buick Riviera

Cars.com Says Ford F-150 Regains Title as Vehicle 'Most Made in U.S.A.'

by Jim Stickford

Cars.com's list of the "most American" automobiles include a couple made very locally.

The Ford F-150, manufactured in Dearborn, topped Cars.com's list. The Dodge Avenger, made in Sterling Heights, was number three on the list.

Cars.com stated that this is the first time in four years that a domestic automaker is once again the "Most American." Prior to the F-150's top spot, the Toyota Camry topped the list from 2009-2012.

The list is determined by analyzing three data points – domestic-parts content (percentage of vehicle's parts produced in the U.S.), final vehicle assembly point and vehicle sales.

"Strong sales and 75 percent domestic-parts content propelled Ford's popular F-150 to the top of the index for 2013, a rank it held from 2006 to 2008," said Patrick Olsen, Cars.com's editor-in-chief.

"Ford's top ranking this year is a good indicator of how pickup trucks are dominating auto sales so far in 2013, and how the domestic automakers are bouncing back. While the assembly point and domestic parts content of the F-150 didn't change from 2012-2013, vehicle sales are responsible for bumping the F-150 to the top spot."

Ford F-150 Marketing Manager Eric Peterson said that the folks at Ford were pleased to make the top of the list.

"When we heard about this, we were excited," Peterson said. "It's great to learn that we're number one on this list." He said the news is especially exciting because the F-150, made in Dearborn and Kansas City, is such "a workhorse around America."

He added that not only is it made in Dearborn, it's also designed there and many of the more than 250 supplier partners who supply the parts for the vehicle are in Michigan.

"I can't say how many of the parts in the F-150 come from America, but given the sheer number of parts that go into a vehicle, I would have to say that number is in the thousands," Pe-

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The Ford F-150 was declared by Cars.com to be the "most American" vehicle made today, with 75 percent domestic-parts content and strong sales. The truck is manufactured in Dearborn and Kansas City, Kan.



This 1938 Packard took first in its class for owner Bill Golling on judging day. Photo by Vahan Nazarian

Packard Pomp Hits Nearby At Club's 48th National Meet

by Irena Granaas

1901 Packard showcased under its own chandelier.

It was like a step back in time to a more graceful era at the Marriott Centerpoint in Pontiac recently as the parking lot filled with up to 99 classic Packards during the Packard Club's 48th National Meet, held June 22-28.

Non-Packard owning hotel guests could be forgiven for thinking they were in a time warp during the seven days the Marriott served as host location for the meet, seeing the elegant cars ranging from the early 1900s to the mid-1950s parked in the lot and at the front doors and pulling in and out of the hotel parking lot.

The front lobby even hosted a gleaming, beautifully maintained

"The car is completely driveable," said Bruce Blevins, member of the Motor City Packards of Detroit, a Grand Blanc resident.

Event Chairman Roger Luksik said in addition to the nearly 100 cars, more than 540 Packard Club members, family and friends attended the event, which Luksik said is the largest gathering of Packards since the club's 2006 meet, which was also held at the Marriott Centerpoint.

"It was an excellent event," he said. "We had great weather. The rain held off for our gathering (Thursday, June 27) in downtown Rochester, so no one got

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